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ABSTRACT

Contributions in this collection present opposing viewpoints about factors that put teens at risk; illustrate how society can deal with teenage crime and violence; show how to prevent teen pregnancy; and present the roles of the media and government in teen substance abuse. The following essays are presented: (1) "A Variety of Factors Put Teens at Risk" (Gene Stephens); (2) "Teens Are Not at Risk" (Kirk A. Astroth); (3) "Media Violence Puts Teens at Risk" (Mona Chaten); (4) "Media Violence Does Not Put Teens at Risk" (Mike Males); (5) "The Absence of Fathers Puts Teens at Risk" (Wade F. Horn); (6) "The Absence of Fathers Does Not Put Teens at Significant Risk" (Stephanie Coontz); (7) "Inconsistent Messages about Morality Put Teens at Risk" (Edward Grimsley); (8) "Gay Teens Are at Risk" (Rosemarie Buchanan); (9) "Violent Juvenile Criminals Should Be Treated as Adults" (Linda J. Collier); (10) "Juvenile Criminals Should Not Be Treated as Adults" (William Ayres); (11) "Gang Injunctions Can Prevent Teenage Violence" (Roger L. Conner); (12) "Gang-Loitering Ordinances Are an Objectionable Approach to Reducing Teenage Violence" (George Brooks); (13) "Juvenile Boot Camps Can Be Effective in Addressing Teenage Crime" (Eric Peterson); (14) "Juvenile Boot Camps Do Not Reduce Teenage Crime" (Margaret Beyer); (15) "Peace Education Can Help Reduce Teenage Violence" (Colman McCarthy); (16) "Community Based Efforts Can Help Reduce Teenage Violence" (Robert L. Woodson, Sr.); (17) "Teaching Abstinence Helps Avert Teen Pregnancy" (Maggie Gallagher); (18) "Teaching Abstinence Puts Teens at Risk of Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Diseases" (M. Jocelyn Elders); (19) "Long-Term Contraceptive Devices Can Help Prevent Teen Pregnancy" (Margaret P. Battin); (20) "Long-Term Contraceptive Devices Promote Teen Promiscuity" (Richard John Neuhaus); (21) "Enforcing Statutory Rape Laws Can Help Reduce Teen Pregnancy" (Ralph deToledano); (22) "Enforcing Statutory Rape Laws Will Not Reduce Teen Pregnancy" (Catherine Elton); (23) "Ending Welfare Will Help Reduce Teen Pregnancy" (William J. Bennett and Peter Wehner); (24) "Ending Welfare Will Not Reduce Teen Pregnancy" (Kristin A. Moore); (25) "The Media Encourage Teen Substance Abuse" (Barry R. McCaffrey); (26) "The Media Exaggerate the Extent of Teen Substance Abuse" (Mike Males); (27) "An Inadequate Government Antidrug Effort Has Contributed to the Problem of Teen Drug Abuse" (Rob Portman); (28) "An Inadequate Government Antidrug Effort Is Not Responsible for Teen Drug Abuse" (Jacob Sullum); (29) "The Government Should Combat Teen Smoking" (Donna E.

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Shalala); and (30) "Government Efforts To Combat Teen Smoking Are Unnecessary and Wasteful" (Edwin Feulner and D. T. Armentano). (Contains 4 figures, 4 tables, and 40 references.) (SLD)

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